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Today, at 2 pm in the administrative classroom, the Lake County Sheriff's Office will recognize nine (9) Corrections Officers who have saved the lives of individuals in the detention facility over the past year.

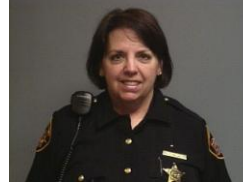
On June 3, 2011 an inmate was attempting to commit suicide in his cell when he fashioned a cord out of twine he removed from his mattress. Officer Daniel Kreft, while

monitoring the fifth floor, observed through a camera that the inmate was behind a partitioned wall, appeared to be reclining, but was not moving. He quickly summoned officers to that location. Correction Officers David Sturgill and Gary Crumbaker responded and found the inmate seated on the toilet, clothed, but unresponsive. He had the twine tied around his neck, his neck was swollen, and he was discolored. They cut the string from his neck and Officer Sturgill opened his airway. Officer Sturgill and Crumbaker rolled him onto his side and got him breathing and coughing. They maintained his breathing until medical assistance arrived.



On June 9th, 2011 Corrections Officer Teresa Reid was working the Booking area in the jail. Hearing some unusual noise in the area she investigated the cell areas. In female booking she found a female inmate with the bed sheet tied around her neck, and the inmate was blue in color. Responding to Officer Reid's call for assistance, Correction Officer Scott Capron attempted to cut the noose from around the inmate's neck. Unable to cut the noose, Officers Reid and Capron were able to untie the knot and removed the sheet from the inmate's neck, and got her breathing again. They kept her breathing until medical assistance arrived.

On Saturday, December 24th, 2011 Officer Aaron Wery was checking on inmates who were confined to isolation cells on the second floor while working as the dispensary officer. He found a male inmate hanging from a ventilation grate using a noose he had fashioned out of torn cloth. The inmate was limp and blue in color. Officer Wery immediately called for back-up and entered the cell area. He held the inmate up to relieve the tension on the noose. Officer Jean Lynch and Michael Nahorniak arrived and Officer Lynch helped Wery to hold the inmate up while Officer Nahorniak attempted to untie the knot. Sgt. Michelle Prather arrived on scene and was able to cut the noose from the around the inmate's neck. They were able to lower the inmate to the ground and got him breathing until medical assistance arrived.



These Corrections Officers are to be commended and recognized for their work in saving the lives of the inmates. They serve as great examples of the professionalism and dedication of the staff of the Lake County Adult Detention facility who work tirelessly each day to maintain the safety and security of the 350+ inmates who are incarcerated within its walls.

It is important to note that although the inmates incarcerated within the detention facility are on trial for crimes they have committed, or serving sentences for such crimes, they are the sons and daughters, mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers of so many people in our community. The Corrections staff takes very seriously their role in not only providing for the safety and security of the jail and community, but equally insuring the safety of inmates whose lives they are charged with protecting, and working tirelessly to return them back to the community and their families better then when they first arrived at our doors.

To these officers we recognize today, and to the entire staff of the detention facility, we salute the impact they make every day in our community to make our community safe and secure.

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